

THE VERNON DAILY RECORD

NEW WAGE AND HOUR LEGISLATION STUDIED

Filibuster to Block Court Reform Aired

Opponents of Judiciary Reorganization Declare Strength Growing Rapidly as Strategy Discussed for Senate Action on Proposal.

Washington, Feb. 20. (P)—Members of both sides in the controversy over enlarging the Supreme Court agreed today there were sufficient Senate opponents to block action indefinitely if they chose filibustering tactics.

Administration leaders, however, expressed doubt any group would be willing to prevent a vote.

Opponents were not talking filibuster; they were after enough votes to beat court reorganization and declared they had almost enough.

Privately, however, some of the President's program said they were ready to combat any move to curb debate by cloture, that infrequently used Senate procedure for forcing a vote.

Despite Administration unwillingness to face the possibility of filibuster, it was this possibility gave rise to talk of compromise.

President Roosevelt, according to those who have talked with him, is in no mood for compromise.

Some, however, said they believed if a scheme could be found to accomplish his aims without a constitutional amendment that would win over some of the opponents, he might accept it.

SECOND ADMINISTRATION FACES DIFFICULT FIELD

Washington, Feb. 20. (P)—The second Roosevelt Administration, a month old today, has encountered a stormy beginning compared to that memorable start of the first term in 1933.

The President has emphasized his objectives in repeated messages to Congress much as he did four years ago—basic economic and agricultural reforms, long-time planning, action rather than delay.

But whereas his leadership was accepted readily in the aftermath of the 1933 banking crisis, now the program is jamming up behind differences over one issue.

Should the Supreme Court be enlarged to foster what Mr. Roosevelt called "a liberal interpretation" of the Constitution?

The President, who refers to himself at times as a quarterback, generally was believed to have a fairly clear lead at the Capitol when Congress convened.

Instead of a clear field, the President found would-be tacklers in his own party as well as among the Republicans. In the Senate, 30 are on record against him, 29 in support and 37 not committed.

PEASE MEASURE GETS APPROVAL

TAX REMISSION IN FOUR COUNTIES RECOMMENDED BY HOUSE BODY

Austin, Feb. 20. (P)—The House State affairs committee Friday favorably recommended a bill by Representative George Moffett of Chillicothe which would remit State ad valorem taxes in Hardeman, Foard, Cottrell and Wilbarger counties for two years to provide \$200,000 for the purchase of a lake and dam on the Pease River between Quanah and Crowell. The Pease River district hopes to obtain Federal assistance in financing a \$3,000,000 dam.

GREEN MAKES NEW BID FOR UNITY IN UNIONS

Washington, Feb. 20. (P)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, proposed a new bid today for unity in organized labor's ranks.

The former mine laborer announced the executive council of the Federation had reaffirmed its desire for a meeting with the Committee on Industrial Organization, headed by Lewis, to seek settlement of their differences.

At the same time, the council denounced a mine workers' policy committee for "spleen and bitterness" in demanding that Green be expelled from the union for criticizing the General Motors strike.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

(By the Associated Press)

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VERNON LIONS AND FAIRVIEW TO MEET TONIGHT IN FINAL GAME OF DISTRICT 9 CAGE TOURNEY

Wichita Falls, Feb. 20.—The Vernon High School Lions and the Fairview Bears, Wichita County champions, survived the semi-finals of the District 9 basketball tournament here this morning and will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the championship final on the floor of the Wichita Falls High School gymnasium. The winner of this game will compete in the regional Interscholastic League tournament next week at Denton.

Unbalanced Diet Seen As Hazard in Traffic

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20. (P)—An unbalanced diet was classed as a highway menace by the Illinois Health Department. Lack of vitamin A in the diet causes "night blindness," the department reported. "This lack of vision undoubtedly plays an important part in motor accidents during twilight and darkness."

TRIO TRAPPED IN NASHVILLE FIRE; SEVEN INJURED

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20. (P)—Seven firemen were injured and three were trapped under a falling roof, their fate undetermined, in flames which destroyed one building and damaged another on the edge of Nashville's business district today.

The fire originated in the four-story building housing the W. E. Stephens Manufacturing Company. Only the walls were standing an hour after the alarm was sounded. The flames spread to the adjoining Neely-Harwell Company building.

The firemen were injured when the upper floors of the Stephens building collapsed, sending burning timbers crashing to the basement. Falling debris blocked all entrances and made the search for the missing men difficult.

3,300-BARREL WELL OPENED

PHILLIPS OFFICIALS HERE AS NEW PRODUCER GIVEN THREE-HOUR TEST

Production of slightly over 3,300 barrels of oil per day was indicated in a three-hour test of the Phillips No. 51, Waggoner, well late yesterday afternoon.

Company officials present for the test were C. P. Dimit, general superintendent, and George Shaper, assistant division superintendent, of Bartlesville, Okla., and Oklahoma City, respectively.

The well, located on section 44, block 4, H.-T.C.R.R. survey in the Rock Crossing area, Tuesday tapped off bearing formation at 3,676 feet, the existence of which had hitherto been unsuspected.

Deepening of some wells in the area and drilling of others is expected soon, according to oil men of this section. Indications are, according to reports, the newly discovered pool may extend under the Rock Crossing and Grayback areas and possibly an even wider section.

The felony charges were filed by County Attorney Curtis Renfro against owners of the machines and proprietors of the establishments in which they were allegedly being operated.

State police said Myers agreed to lead them to the well and aid in recovering the body.

State police, highway patrolmen, local police and residents in the Custer-McDonald area searched for days throughout the countryside for some trace of the girl.

Liquor Law Changed.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20. (P)—North Carolina's 28-year-old bone dry law went to the scrap heap today, replaced by a county-option-monopoly system of package sales. Under the law, enacted by the General Assembly which earlier voted down a dry proposal for a State-wide referendum, the counties which vote wet will be permitted to set up county-operated stores in April.

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VICEROY OF ETHIOPIA HURT

NATIVES HURL BOMBS IN ADDIS ABABA DURING CELEBRATION

Rome, Feb. 20, (AP)—Marshal Graian, Viceroy of Ethiopia, was wounded slightly by a hand grenade, an official communiqué announced today, when rebellious natives at Addis Ababa attempted to assassinate him as he presented them with gifts.

Many others, including the Abyssinian of Ethiopia, were gravely wounded, the announcement said, when the natives hurled the grenade during a huge celebration of the birth of Prince Vittorio Emmanuel, future Emperor of Ethiopia.

As the ceremony was about to end, the Ethiopians drew the grenades from beneath their white shawams and threw them at the group surrounding the Viceroy on the rostrum.

The officials were knocked off their feet by the explosions. Graian was slightly wounded by the fragments.

The tremendous confusion covered the escape of the bomb throwers.

SPANISH REFUGEE HID IN COFFIN TO ESCAPE REDS

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 20, (AP)—The newspaper *Seculo* told today how Alvaro Esteve, a Spanish manufacturer with insurgent sympathies, played dead in Malaga cemetery for two months.

Esteve said he hid in an empty coffin in the family tomb to escape Government troops during Government domination of the seaport. He emerged last week when the insurgents took the town.

Each night, said Esteve, he heard the screams of persons being executed in the graveyard. He subsisted on food which his sisters concealed in wreaths which they laid each day upon graves.

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4-H MEMBERS CONVENE HERE

DRUG PURGE IS EXPANDED

CHINESE POLICE SPEED UP CAMPAIGN AGAINST NARCOTIC USERS

Shanghai, Feb. 20, (AP)—Chinese police, feverishly raiding narcotic dens, worked today to clean up the so-called "model city" of Nantung after 70 residents had been sentenced to die for habitual use of habit-forming drugs.

The raids, launched without warning, were inspired by Nanking officials represented in Chinese reports as anxious to purify the "drug-soaked community."

Hundreds more alleged addicts are doomed to imprisonment and death as the "cure or die" campaign grew in intensity, the authorities declared.

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That he also said "we" will out. Federal Judge Merrill E. Orr, now presiding at the trial, and U. S. District Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, who is prosecuting it.

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That ballot boxes were stuffed or emptied.

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EXTENSION OF CHARGES IN VOTE FRAUD MAPPED

Kansas City, Feb. 20, (AP)—Extension of startling charges against five election officials was the Government's aim today in summoning new witnesses at their vote conspiracy trial.

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SNOW CLEANS KANSAS AIR

DUST CLOUDS VANISH AS PRECIPITATION GIVES FARMERS HOPE

Hugoton, Kan., Feb. 20. (AP)—Snow and rain cleansed the air today of the choking dust clouds which plagued parts of Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas during the week.

Hopes of wheat farmers soared.

The ground was covered with two to three inches of snow from Dodge City, Kan., to Denver, with more snow falling heavily. At Great Bend, Kan., the blanket was four inches deep.

No dust was reported at any point in the four-state area.

Snow continued falling in Southwestern Colorado, reaching blizzard intensity at Trinidad.

An inch and a half of snow, or more, covered the Oklahoma Panhandle, shading into rain farther east. Eastern Oklahoma was drenched with heavy rain.

Much colder weather was predicted for the Southwest over the weekend. Temperature drops of 20 to 30 degrees were reported at many points today.

Light, scattered rains fell in Texas.

SCHOOL LEADERS TALK AT HEALTH MEET HERE

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A panel discussion of "Sex Education in High Schools" was given by W. T. Lofland, superintendent of Vernon Public Schools, Knox Kinard, superintendent of the Oklawnia schools, and Mrs. J. B. Ross, County Superintendent of Education, Saturday morning at a health meeting in the County Court room.

The meeting was called by Mrs. Ruby Ripperton, County Health Nurse, and the group of 44 present represented the county health committee, teachers of Wilbarger County, and interested Parent-Teacher officials.

Dr. R. C. Stokes reported the highlights of the State Child Welfare Conference held in Austin the first week of February. S. P. Vick, health education chairman of the committee, discussed the five-point health program in the county, and Ira V. Younger outlined tentative plans for the annual May fest sponsored by the committee.

ALLRED SAYS ROOSEVELT MAY TRY FOR GULF FISH

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—Governor James V. Allred said today he believed there was a strong possibility President Roosevelt would try the fishing in Gulf waters off the Texas Coast next Spring or Summer.

The Governor saw the President in Washington early this week and joined Senator Morris Sheppard in urging him to visit Texas. He said Mr. Roosevelt evinced much interest.

"I told him the Gulf off Texas was full of fish," Allred said.

The President visited the Texas Centennial celebration last year.

STATE COMMISSION OPENS STUDY OF BRIDGE TRAGEDY

San Francisco, Feb. 20. (AP)—The collapse of a Golden Gate bridge construction scaffold killing 10 workers, came under investigation of the State Industrial Accident Commission today, after a coroner's jury blamed "failure to use certain safety equipment" for the tragedy.

The Commission ordered numerous witnesses to appear before it for an extensive inquiry into the accident, which a Commission inspector said followed failure to take precautions recommended.

Yucatan has no rivers, the soil absorbing all the rainfall.

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SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS

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Costume Party at Rock Crossing Is Attended By 160

Menges, 85, knew General George A. Custer, who perished with his command of United States soldiers at the Little Big Horn, and once fixed the General's faulty rifle during a deer hunt. He met Custer when the General was in charge of Fort Chadbourne more than 60 years ago.

Indians had threatened the settlement in which Menges' parents lived and he, then 20, was sent to the Fort for aid. The evening of his arrival, the conversation turned to hunting and Custer remarked he never had killed a deer.

Next morning soldiers were dis-

patched to the settlement but Menges remained to hunt deer with the general. Menges says he told Custer the reason he couldn't hit a deer was because his gun was faulty.

Menges took Custer's rifle and fired at a mark, discovering it shot several inches to one side. This was corrected and General Custer killed his first deer.

In the late sixties Custer was stationed at Fort Griffin on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, Menges says. "The Fort served as a base for supplies for other forts farther westward. It was a long, dangerous trip from Fort Griffin to Fort Chadbourne by wagon train.

Electra Chamber of Commerce made a brief talk followed with numbers by the Electra High School band. Tap numbers were given by Betty Jean Black, Jo Helen Sims, Edith Virginia Sturms, and Jean Allen Gilliam.

Moving pictures which Willie McSpadden of Electra took at the Centennial Exposition, at the Cotton Bowl when President Roosevelt spoke there, and at Arlington Downs were shown during the evening by Mr. McSpadden.

Rev. Glen G. Clark of Electra then made a brief talk and conducted an enthusiastic sing-song in which the audience participated.

Then somewhere in the hills of Coke County two wagons were set upon by a band of Comanches, the drivers and guards murdered, and the supplies taken.

"General Custer tried the ruse again and this time it worked. Indians swooped down and surrounded the wagons. The soldiers killed at least 25 Comanches. Custer's supply trains were never bothered after that," Menges says.

BUSY WEEK OUTLINED BY STATE ETIQUETTE BOARD

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The supreme court of ceremonial etiquette and official keeper of the President's international calendar is the division of protocol and conferences in the State Department, which last week had to:

Remind Mr. Roosevelt that it was the King of Egypt's birthday and time for the annual cablegram of good wishes to the nation on the Nile.

Rule whether it was proper for the President to felicitate a king on a new grandson. If the baby were heir apparent, officials explained, the cable would be in order. If he were second in line, it would raise a question to be answered by a study of records and precedents.

They wouldn't say how they ruled.

As a side line the division cast an anxious eye over arrangements for State affairs involving diplomats and even over Mrs. Roosevelt's lunches.

The division also supplies young men-of-the-world to take visitors from across the waters to night spots.

SEVEN FEARED LOST IN AIRLINER IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 20. (AP)—Seven persons, including W. F. Founain, New York architect, were unreported today on a flight from Brisbane along a route swept by gale winds.

Their craft, carrying five passengers and two pilots, left Brisbane, about 475 miles north of Sydney, yesterday afternoon. It last was reported about 220 miles from its destination.

Planes ordered out all along the route halted their search at nightfall, 24 hours after the liner was reported missing.

When the last word came from the plane it was flying over the open sea, close to the shore route usually taken in stormy weather because of the possibility of landing on the beach.

POPE REINJURES LEG IN EFFORT TO WALK AGAIN

Vatican City, Feb. 20. (AP)—Pope Pius, by attempting to teach himself to walk again, has re-opened an ulcer in his left leg, his physicians reported today.

The open sore had been partly healed until the Pope started his daily effort to take several steps, attendants said. The wound appeared in December after a varicose vein in the Pope's leg burst.

The 79-year-old Pontiff's doctor ordered wider and tighter bandages wound around his leg to prevent possible development of infections in the wound.

Record classified ads get results.

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DEMONSTRATION ON WOMEN'S CLOTHING CREATES INTEREST

Much interest was shown in a demonstration on "Styles in Women's Clothes" Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Farmers Valley Home Demonstration Club at the Methodist Church in that community. Miss Doris Leggett, County Home Agent, conducted the demonstration.

Miss Leggett stated that ideas of beauty are acquired in much the same manner that taste for food is acquired. Unusually bright colors have come to be associated with youth, she added, while mellow colors are considered more appropriate for mature people.

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ARMAMENT COSTS REACH NEW HIGH.

Major Powers Spent Last Year Approximately Eleven Billions for New Equipment.

The Foreign Policy Association, a private group with headquarters in Washington organized for the study of international affairs, has completed an analysis of the budgets of the leading nations, and reports that expenditures for armament in 1936 reached a total of approximately 11 billion dollars.

Something of the accelerated rate at which armament expenditures have increased in recent years is shown in the totals for the past five years. In 1932 the world's armament bill was a mere \$3,815,000,000. A slight gain of approximately \$185,000,000 was shown for the succeeding year. In 1934, however, the competition in armament was given sharp impetus by the failure of the Locarno and other treaties and the total stepped up to \$5,064,000,000.

Continued threats of trouble provided stimulation for another high record for 1935 and a total of \$8,810,000,000 was attained. This was followed with last year's staggering total of \$10,730,000,000. An even greater total for 1937 is forecast.

Soviet Russia led in 1936 with only slightly less than three billions spent for armament. Germany was next with a little more than two and a half billions and the United States was third with slightly less than a billion.

Italy and Japan are spending more than half of their budgets for new armament, France 27 per cent, Russia 18, Great Britain 14, and the United States 10. It was impossible to compute the percentage for Germany because of inadequate information on non-military expenditures.

These figures indicate the world is headed for another war between major powers. The heavy drain on the earnings of the people will produce acute economic distress, a common cause of war. Statesmen seem incapable of stopping the madness.

SHIPPING TROUBLES INCREASE.

Government Agents Find Seamen Oppose Provisions of New Safety-at-Sea Legislation.

It appears that the Government is going to have more than the usual amount of trouble in enforcing the new Copeland Safety-at-Sea act. Maritime workers are using the courts to enjoin enforcement on the West Coast and refusal to use employment record books on the East Coast has resulted in a tie-up of numerous vessels.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific has taken the lead in the fight on the act, having issued instructions to members not to carry the books. Encouraged by concessions won in the recent strike, the Union is now pushing for a new test of its power. This time authority of the Federal Government is being floated along with that of owners and operators.

Union members claim the records of discharges will result in blacklisting workers released for activities in disfavor with owners. As a result a large number of seamen are forced to stand by while a battle goes on for the protection of a supposedly small clique whose past activities make it difficult for them to obtain employment.

The Copeland Act has drawn criticism almost from its inception and the wisdom of this method of control is subject to question. Government representatives meanwhile, are attempting persuasion among workers to secure observance of the Act. A definite test appears imperative to settle the whole affair.

MOVE TO CHECK DRUNKEN DRIVING.

House Passes Bill To Simplify Enforcement and Requiring Jail Sentences.

The State House of Representatives, in unanimously passing the bill making a jail sentence mandatory for drunken drivers, has taken a definite step along the road toward solution of the problem presented by those irresponsible alcoholics who endanger the lives of themselves and others every time they take the wheel of an automobile.

The fear of being fined has little meaning. Juries have been unwilling to send to the penitentiary persons who are plainly guilty of drunken driving but who have not caused the death or serious injury of another. Innumerable barriers have been presented to the enforcement of laws attempting to curb this highly dangerous practice.

The bill passed by the House has eliminated some of these evils. The five-day minimum jail sentence should prove a strong deterrent to those who drink while or before driving. The provision making it necessary for officers to prove only that the accused was to some degree under the influence of intoxicating liquor should make convictions easier to obtain.

"U. S. Treasury executives now have their own restaurant." It is wondered if the tablecloths will be wide enough to accommodate all the ciphers.

"Niagara river case-dweller has Falls in his front yard." Still, certain Ohioans and Kentuckians have had the Ohio river in their dining room.

"I abhor strikes," says John Lewis. So, say his opponents, does a bowler.

Philadelphia is to have a "Temple of the Arts." The Temple of one art, we understand, is Shirley.

In New York hotel elevator operators are walking out. And hotel patrons up.

ICKES GIVES COURT VIEWS

TEXAS LEGISLATORS HEAR INTERIOR SECRETARY AT JOINT MEETING

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—Members of

the Legislature today pondered re-

marks of Harold L. Ickes, Secretary

of the Interior and Public Works

Administrator, defending President

Roosevelt's Supreme Court expansion

plan.

The Senate recently denounced the

President's proposal while the House

of Representatives refused either to

condemn or commend.

Ickes Friday night, addressing a

joint session, told the lawmakers no

democracy could survive if govern-

mental action was blocked by a court

which he said ought to be brought

"within speaking distance of mod-

ern times."

He said the plan was the only

method which could make the Presi-

dent's policies effective within his

tenure. Touching on checks and bal-

ances, he said that while Congress

and the President checked each other

and the people checked both, "there

is no check on the Supreme Court."

Ickes declared the National Gov-

ernment "never wanted to run the

oil business" but desired to coop-

erate with the States in conservation

and marketing.

He commended the Texas Railroad

Commission and Legislature on

"sound" oil and natural gas admin-

istration and expressed the opinion

oil prices would rise.

The Interior Secretary had spent

the day inspecting the Buchanan,

Inks and Marshall Ford dams con-

structed with the aid of PWA money

and designed to harness destructive

flow waters of the Colorado River.

After the night session, the House

adjourned until Monday and the Sen-

ate until Tuesday.

MORTALITY RATE FOR MOVIE ROMANCES HIGH

Hollywood, Feb. 20. (AP)—Romances in Hollywood, are, as a rule, about as durable as a snowball on a hot griddle.

The average affair of the heart in the film colony lasts four months and 15 days, an analysis showed to day.

This figure requires considerable qualifying since romances, especially the Hollywood variety, do not lend themselves very well to graphs and statistics.

For the survey, 100 romances involving motion picture folks which were recorded in the press were selected. The mortality rate was terrible.

But 12 out of the hundred led to the altar.

Seventy-six began in the studio, Forty-six developed when boy and girl were cast in the same picture.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

CRIME FILE
ON
BOLITHO BLANE

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
Investigating the murder of BOLITHO BLANE, British financier, aboard CARLTON ROCKSAVAGE'S yacht, Detective Officer KETTERING runs into a maze of conflicting clews.

As the investigation progresses he charts the possible motives for each of the ship's passengers; MRS. REGINALD JOCELYN, none, so far as known; COUNT POSODINI, grudge motive against Blane; Rockavage, strong motive of financial gain; BISHOP OF BUDE, strong motive since Blane knew of his unsavory past.

LADY WELTER, strong motive of financial gain; INOSUKE HAYASHI, strong motive of financial gain; REGINALD JOCELYN, strong motive of financial gain; MISS ROCKSAVAGE, none, apparently. Only the ship's crew and NICHOLAS STODART, Blane's secretary, are conclusively ruled out on sound alibi. Stodart was in the ship's lounge all during the period in which Blane obviously was murdered.

As Kettering rounds out his deductions, Rockavage appears with his physician, offering proof of his presence in his cabin when the crime was committed. The lounge steward corroborated this testimony.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XXI
DETECTIVE OFFICER KETTERING'S FIFTH REPORT, CONTINUED.

I then examined the contents of the wastepaper baskets, which had been removed from each of the parties' cabins on the morning following the crime, and three items of interest emerged from this examination.

In the refuse from Count Posodini's cabin I found 31 cigarette ends, 25 of these are Chesterfields, but the other 6 are an English brand called Players, and four out of these six have obvious traces of lipstick on them.

In the refuse from Miss Rockavage's cabin I found a twist of hair which had obviously had been removed from a comb. Most of this was golden hair, which undoubtedly comes from the head of Miss Ferri Rockavage, but mingled with it are a few short, black curly hairs, which definitely suggest that a man had used that comb after her.

Among the refuse from the Bishop of Bude's cabin I found one match torn out of a booklet of matches, upon which is printed in block letters:

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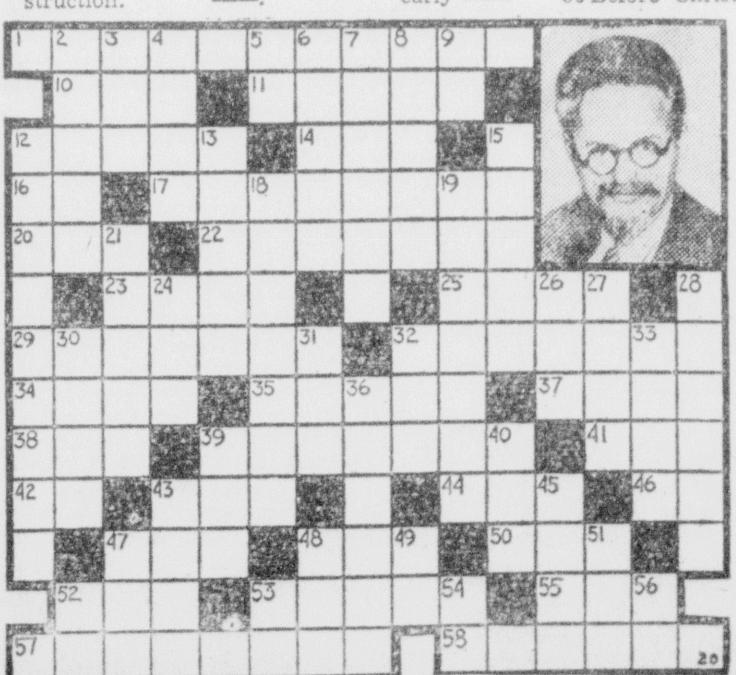
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Political Exile

HORIZONTAL
1 A Soviet exile
10 To regret.
11 Italian cathedral.
12 Made bare.
13 Three.
16 Bone.
17 One that digests.
20 To permit.
22 Tips.
23 Paragraph.
25 Related.
29 He was once — in his native land.
32 Opposed to specific.
34 Paradise.
35 Candle.
37 Challenge.
38 Force.
39 Argues.
41 Was vicious.
42 Within.
43 It is.
44 Stream obstruction.

VERTICAL
1 A. Soviet exile
2 To rub out.
3 Sailor.
50 Cavity.
52 Sun.
pronoun.
4 Requirement.
53 Coal digger.
55 Lock pro-
jection.
57 He is a — from Europe (pl.).
58 He arrived recently in —

party.
13 Derby.
15 Malicious burning.
18 Sexual cells.
19 Came in.
21 Prongs.
24 2000 pounds.
26 Guided.
27 To sketch.
28 Parts of dramas.
30 Woden (god).
32 To flatten.
33 To press.
36 Heathens.
39 Not bright.
40 To undermine.
43 Balsam.
45 Pert girl.
47 Money.
48 To bind.
49 Musical note.
51 Fish.
52 Southeast.
53 Myself.
54 Ream.
56 Before Christ



with Ferri, eh? I guessed as much. P. J.: I did not say so.

K.: Wait a minute, though. I'm going to put you wise to something which may make you think differently before you burn your boats. The bird you know as Count Posodini is actually "Slick" Daniels, con man and card sharp. Here's his police record. Take a look. Now, what about it when the press get hold of that? Can't you see the headlines in the news sheets? "Society dame becomes moll of well known crook." That's not going to be so funny for you, is it? You'll sure be ruined socially and that's a high price to pay just to get your own back on your husband.

P. J.: What, more questions, already?

K.: Yes. Sorry I've got to trouble you again, but let's make it as pleasant as we can. Have a cigarette?

P. J.: No thanks, I only smoke my own.

K.: Right, then. May I have one of yours so we can be sociable?

P. J.: Certainly.

K.: I see you smoke Players. Very popular brand in England?

P. J.: Very.

K.: That's a charming shade of lipstick you use, Mrs. Jocelyn.

P. J.: Need we go into that?

K.: I'm afraid we've got to. I'm going to trouble you for the lipstick you have in your bag at the moment.

P. J.: But—I don't understand.

K.: Never mind. Just hand it over, will you. It'll save all sorts of trouble in the end if you'll oblige me now.

P. J.: All right. There's nothing very exciting about my lipstick, but I'm sure I don't want to be searched. Here it is.

K.: Thanks. You won't mind if I keep it will you? We shall need it later to prove that it matches the lipstick on these cigarette ends which I've got in this little tin box—see?

P. J.: Why—yes. But...

K.: Yes, because your husband told you not to. Did he know where you'd been?

P. J.: I intended that he should. I suppose I might as well tell you everything now. My husband and I haven't been getting on very well lately and this trip has brought matters to head. I don't worry much about his having an occasional affair, because he's the type of man who's never quite grown up, and it seems that sort of thing is absolutely necessary to him. You see I try to persuade myself that he never really goes off the rails, but this business with Ferri Rockavage has been a bit too much.

On the other hand, if you didn't smoke them at that time, it might suggest that you were there for a very much longer period and then—no offense—but it might be suggested that you and the Count were up to the sort of thing your husband wouldn't care to hear about.

P. J.: I have nothing to add to my previous statement.

K.: All right, Mrs. Jocelyn. Then the presumption is that you were in the Count's cabin at some other and probably a much longer period during that 24 hours. If that comes out, as it may quite well have to in a case like this, what will your husband have to say?

P. J.: A lot, I expect.

K.: That doesn't appear to worry you over much?

P. J.: As a matter of fact it's just the sort of little lesson I've been meaning to give him for some time.

K.: So he's been playing you up

P. J.: I'm looking for my copy of "YOUTHFUL YEARS" ... THE BOOK THAT TONI WROTE!

YES, AND IT'S A GOOD BOOK! THAT GIRL, DESPITE HER AGE, MUST HAVE A LOT OF SENSE TO BE ABLE TO TURN OUT STUFF LIKE THIS!

BUT, GEE, POP... IT'S MY BOOK, AND SHE WAS MY GIRL! AREN'T YOU GONA LET ME READ IT?

LISTEN TO WHAT SHE SAYS! MEMBERS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION ARE ALIKE IN MANY DISRESPECTS!

WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE DIDN'T TELL ME SHE WAS A WRITER, POP?

DON'T BOTHER ME, SON!

LISTEN TO THIS! SOMETIMES, AN OLD-FASHIONED FATHER, WHO HAD A GREAT HEAD FOR FIGURES, NOW HAS A SON WHO HAS A GREAT EYE FOR THEM!

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LIONS REACH SEMI-FINALS

SPANISH FORT BEATEN BY
45-36 SCORE IN GAME
WITH VERNON TEAM

The Vernon Lions, Bomarton, Wichita Falls and Fairview will go into the semi-finals this morning of the District 9 basketball tournament at Wichita Falls as a result of first and second round victories yesterday.

At 9:30 o'clock the Lions, victorious yesterday over Spanish Fort by a score of 45 to 36, will meet Bomarton, winner over Jacksboro by a score of 39 to 14, in the Wichita Falls High School gymnasium. Wichita Falls and Fairview will meet in the other semi-final contest at 10:45. Finals will be played tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Jacksboro and Henrietta opened the tournament yesterday afternoon with Jacksboro winning, 17-12. Jacksboro led, 10 to 1, at the half.

In the second game, the Wilbarger County champions, the Odell Cowboys, went down before the Olney Cubs, Young County champs, by a score of 31 to 16. The Olney quintet opened up with a rush which swept the Wilbarger entry off its collective feet and retained the lead through the remainder of the game. Wilson of Olney took high scoring honors with 11 points. He was followed by Mayo with nine.

The Vernon Lions took a long lead in the first quarter of their game with Spanish Fort, Montague County champions, and stayed in front until the final whistle. The score was 45 to 36. Mark Belew, Lion forward, and J. C. Johnson, center, of Spanish Fort, ran up totals of 19 and 18 points, respectively. Homer Matney scored 14 points for the Lions to take third in scoring.

In the first game in the evening session, Holliday lost a close game

to Fairview by a score of 24 to 21. Bomarton then defeated Jacksboro, 30 to 14, in a second round game to win the right to meet Vernon in the semi-finals.

In the final game of the evening, Wichita Falls defeated Olney by a score of 28 to 19. The score was 11 to 11 at the half but the Coyotes pulled out in front in the last half despite the excellent work of Hankins, Killian and Vaught for the Cubs.

Box scores:

Vernon-Spanish Fort.

Blew, f 8 3 12

M. Southall, f 0 0 0

Matney, f 6 2 14

Cox, f 0 0 0

Nixon, c 3 1 7

Smith, g 1 1 3

Johnson, g 0 0 0

Childress, g 1 0 2

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Totals 19 7 45

Spanish Fort.

W. Johnson, f 4 0 8

Cain, f 0 1 1

Bich, f 0 0 0

J. C. Johnson, c 9 0 18

B. Johnson, g 2 0 4

Hill, g 2 1 5

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Totals 17 2 36

Score by quarters:

Vernon 16 5 14 10—5

Spanish Fort 8 9 9 10—26

Olney-Odell.

Hankins, f 2 0 4

Willian, c 5 1 11

Smith, g 4 1 9

Vaught, g 0 0 0

Patrick, g 2 1 5

Oliver, f 1 0 2

Coleman, g 0 0 0

Woods, g 0 0 0

Penny, g 0 0 0

Bedkins, g 0 0 0

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Totals 14 3 21

Odell.

Mayo, f 1 1 2

D. Dale, f 1 0 2

D. Dale, c 2 0 4

Corrine, g 0 1 1

Pollard, g 0 0 0

Clark, g 0 0 0

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Totals 7 2 16

Lakeview-Quanah.

Lakeview.

Hatley, f 4 2 10

Wiley, f 1 0 2

Cunningham, f 0 0 0

Bradley, c 0 1 1

Bristle, g 3 0 6

Hughes, g 0 0 0

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Totals 8 3 19

Quanah.

Birdsong, f 0 0 0

Epps, f 0 0 0

E. Page, f 0 0 0

W. Page, f 1 0 2

Edmondson, g 3 1 7

Anderson, g 0 1 1

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Totals 7 2 16

CROWELL WINS AT CHILDRESS

LAKEVIEW BEATS QUANAH
INDIANS IN DISTRICT 4
TOURNEY UPSET

Box scores:

Vernon-Spanish Fort.

Childress, Feb. 20.—The district 4 basketball tournament here goes into the quarter-final round Saturday morning with Childress meeting Quanah, Lakeview and Silverton tangling, Carey playing Tannah and Crowell meeting Quanah.

In games Friday Lakeview sprang an upset by defeating Quanah, 19 to 16; Crowell downed the Paducah Dragons by a score of 29 to 28; Quanah trounced Dumont by the lopsided score of 39 to 7; and Childress defeated the Wellington Skyrockets by a score of 19 to 14.

Semi-final games will be played Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday night.

Box scores:

Crowell-Paducah.

Crowell.

Middlebrook, f 2 1 5

Kelsey, f 6 2 14

Fitzgerald, c 1 0 2

Orr, c 4 0 8

Owens, g 5 0 10

McClain, g 0 0 0

Nelson, g 0 0 0

Smith, g 0 0 0

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Totals 18 3 30

Paducah.

Irene, f 4 2 10

W. W. Ashcraft, president.

7:30 p. m. "What Should We Expect of a Youth Today?" will be the pastor's subject.

Wednesday:

7 p. m. Sunday School officers and teachers will meet with class members.

8:30 p. m. Choir practice.

Monday:

2 p. m. W. M. S. meets, Mrs. W.

W. W. Ashcraft, president.

7:30 p. m. Y. W. A. meets, Mrs.

C. V. Edwards, sponsor; Miss Louise Lewis, president.

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7:45.

A free reading room is open to the public daily from 2:50 p. m., second floor of Farmers Bank building. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the reading room.

"Mind" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 21.

The Golden Text is: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "We can have but one Mind, if that one is indefinite, we bury the sense of infinitude, when we admit that, although God is infinite, evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God" (page 469).

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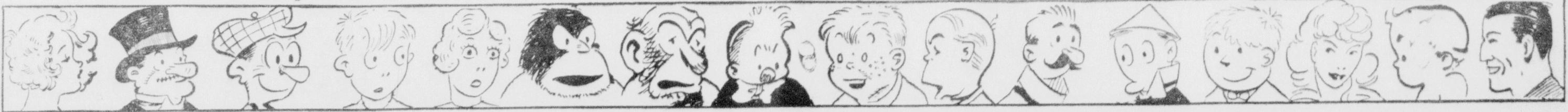
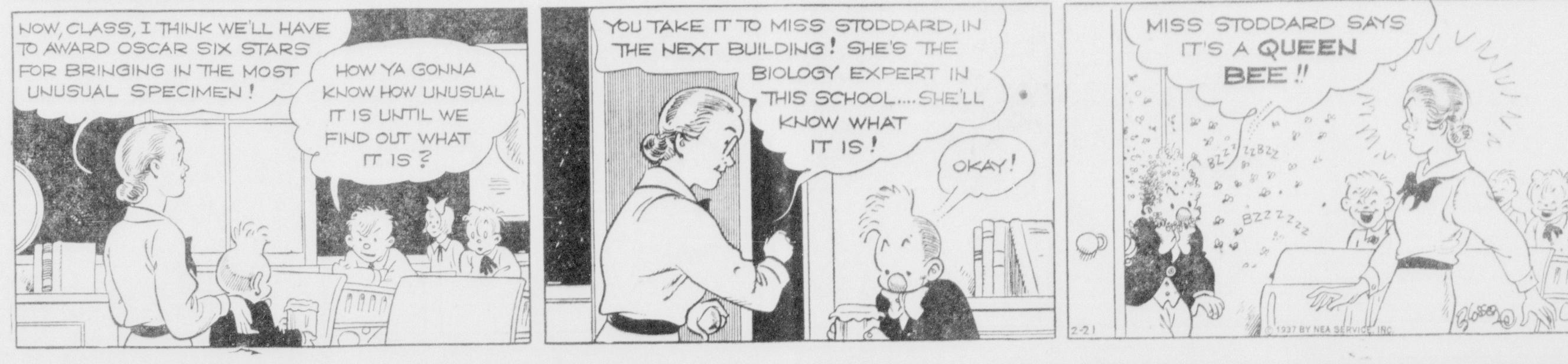
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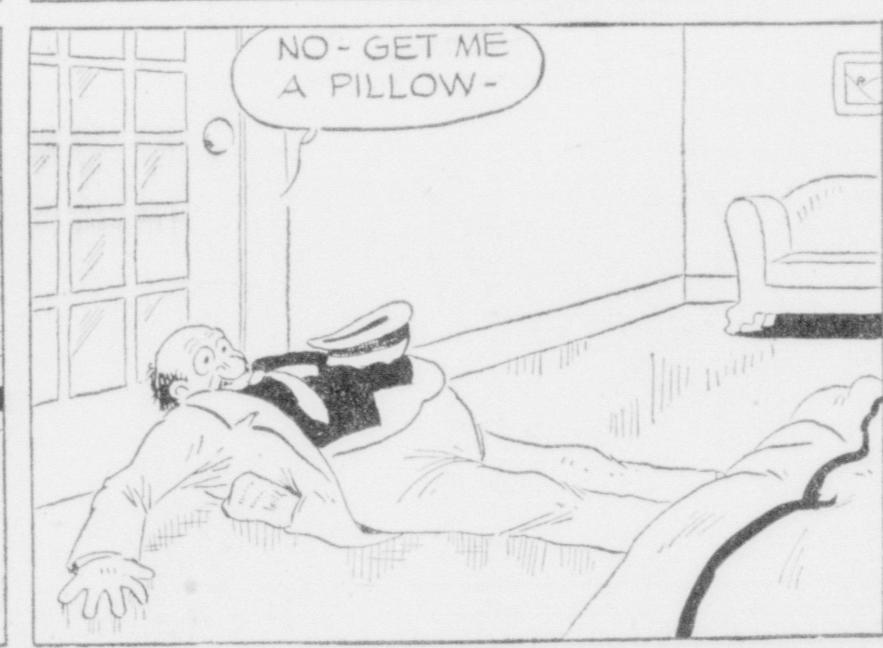
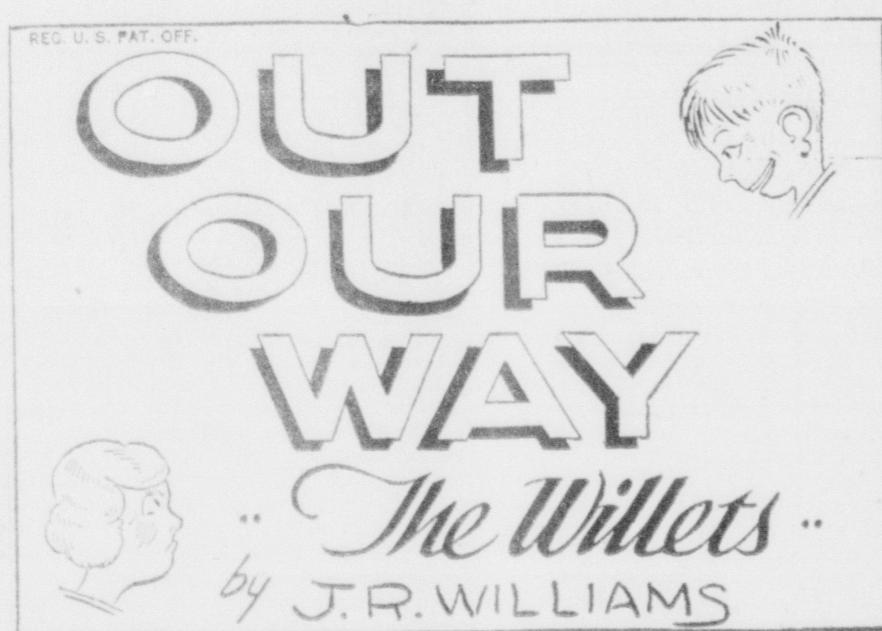
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